

## Meeting Minutes

<b>Meeting Name:</b> Board of Health		<b>Location:</b> Massillon City Health Department via Teleconference Dial-In (330) 362-8327	
<b>Date:</b> April 20, 2021		<b>Start Time:</b> 3:31pm	<b>Stop Time:</b> 3:53pm
<b>Recorded by:</b> Terri Argent, RS, REHS		<b>Opened by:</b> Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry, President of the Board	
<b>Attendees:</b> Jeff Thornberry Ann Palaski Dr. Sonia Ullum		<b>Staff Present:</b> Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry Terri Argent	
<b>MINUTES</b>			
<p>1. On a motion by Jeff Thornberry, and seconded by Dr. Sonia Ullum, approval was given to approve the March 2021 meeting minutes as mailed. Motion carried.</p> <p>2. On a motion by Dr. Sonia Ullum, and seconded by Ann Palaski, approval was given to pay the March bills for the Health department in the amount of \$19,260.76 and for the WIC department in the amount of \$10,384.84 for a total amount of \$29,645.60 for March 2021. Motion carried.</p> <p>3. The monthly Vital Statistics, Environmental, and Nursing Division reports for March 2021 were accepted and approved without comment.</p>			
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>			
<b><u>Old Business</u></b>			
<p>1. COVID-19 update</p> <p>1. Newsletter – Our quarterly newsletter is about COVID-19 this time. It includes updates of vaccine numbers and how to sign up for vaccines.</p> <p>2. COVID-19 Epi Report – This report gives COVID level alerts and demographics for the county.</p> <p>3. Clinics - We are using on-line scheduling and we can assist by phone if needed. We are having our first walk-in clinic this week and we will be going to churches as time allows.</p> <p>2. Accreditation update</p> <p>a. After submitting our documents we had 27 returned with questions. Our next step is our site visit, then accreditation!</p>			

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### New Business

#### 1. Approval of Health department position title changes

- a. We need to change 4 job titles per ODH
  - 1. Contact Tracer to COVID Coordinator
  - 2. Director of Vital Statistics to Registrar
  - 3. Registered Sanitarian to Registered Environmental Health Specialist
  - 4. Sanitarian-In-Training to Environmental Health Specialist-In-Training

On a motion by Jeff Thornberry, and seconded by Dr. Sonia Ullum, approval was given to change the Health department position titles. Motion carried.

#### 2. PEP inspection results

- a. We passed our 3 year insurance safety inspection with no corrections.

#### 3. Grant approvals

- a. The State has added an additional amount of \$8,787.00 to our original COVID-21 grant.
- b. We have been awarded a new grant – EO21 in the amount of \$28,028.00 to promote vaccine equity. We are partnering with our African American churches to take vaccines to them and with Stark MHAR to vaccinate our Hispanic population. On a motion by Ann Palaski, and seconded by Dr. Sonia Ullum, approval was given for both grant amounts. Motion carried.

#### 4. Senate Bill 22 discussion

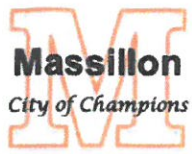
- a. This bill greatly reduces the powers of Public Health to isolate and quarantine. This was vetoed by the Governor, then overridden by the legislature. This means health departments cannot shut down anything without legislative approval.

#### 5. HB110 insert

- a. Language was inserted into the House budget bill abolishing Boards of Health in cities with less than 50,000 population. Terri Argent received a call from the Mayor at lunch time that the language had been removed from the budget bill.

#### 6. Approval of Resolution 1-2021

- a. Terri Argent would like to ask the Board of Health to approve Resolution 1-2021 opposing the abolishment of Boards of Health from cities under 50,000 population for future support of Public Health. Resolution 1-2021 was approved unanimously by those in attendance. Cathy Heitger was absent from the vote. Resolution 1-2021 was passed by the Massillon City Board of Health on April 20, 2021. See attached resolution.



Health Department

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### APPROVAL

*These minutes represent a true and accurate record of this meeting to be the best of my knowledge.*

Meeting minutes submitted by:	Jeff Thornberry	4/20/2021
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Meeting minutes submitted by:	Dr. Sonia Ullum	4/20/2021
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Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry

President of the Board

  
Terri D. Argent, Health Commissioner

Secretary of the Board





## RESOLUTION 1-2021

TITLE: A RESOLUTION opposing the provisions contained in Sub. HB 110 that will abolish health districts in Ohio cities with populations less than 50,000.

WHEREAS, Sub. HB 110 is currently pending before the Ohio General Assembly and contains provisions that will abolish health districts in Ohio cities with populations less than 50,000; and

WHEREAS, this proposed abolishment will eliminate the City of Massillon's Health Department; and

WHEREAS, this proposal will create barriers to critical services and reduce access to care for our underserved populations; and

WHEREAS, this proposal will make accessing local WIC programs more difficult for our families and their children; and

WHEREAS, this proposal threatens the safety and prosperity of many cities across the State of Ohio due to a potential lack of locally available immunizations, slower responses to solid waste concerns, and less expedient access to birth and death certificates; and

WHEREAS, this proposal will negatively impact and decrease the efficiency of local food inspections, school inspections, festival inspections, and disease outbreak responses; and

WHEREAS, cities are currently in a better position to make decisions for their own citizens; and

WHEREAS, funding is currently allocated to local communities, and residents are better served with local public health services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of the City of Massillon, State of Ohio, that:

### Section 1:

The Mayor and Board of Health oppose the provisions contained in Sub. HB 110 that will abolish health districts in Ohio cities with populations less than 50,000, including the City of Massillon. The Mayor and Council urge the General Assembly to remove such language from Sub. HB 110.

It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of Health concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Board of Health that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 2:

This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety of the citizens of the City of Massillon; the emergency being that the continued existence of the Massillon Health Department is vital to the public health of the residents of the City of Massillon.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Board of Health of the City of Massillon opposes the abolishment of Boards of Health contained in Sub. HB 110 and urge the General Assembly of the State of Ohio to remove such language from Sub. HB 110.

Resolution approved by vote of the Board Members as follows:

Jeff Thornberry YES

Cathy Heitger Absent

Sonia Ullum YES

Ann Palaski YES

Passed by the Massillon City Board of Health this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021

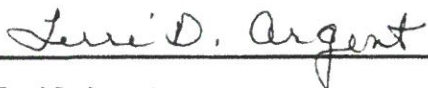
Attest: I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Resolution of the Massillon City Board of Health.



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Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perin

President of the Board



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Terri D. Argent

Health Commissioner, Secretary of the Board